

Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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Caltrans Begins Work on Phase 2



Caltrans is heading Phase 2 of the I-215 Widening Project.

If you have driven past Orange Show Road lately, you may have noticed the brush alongside the road has been cleared to make way for Caltrans to begin work on I-215.

Phase 2 began during the month of January and has an expected completion date of 2011. During the next three years, construction crews will be working from south to north beginning at Orange Show Road and ending at Rialto Avenue.

This project will add two lanes, one general-use and one carpool, in each direction along with auxiliary lanes. In addition, crews will be reconstructing the Inland Center Drive, Mill Street, Orange Show Road, Warm Creek and Lytle Creek bridges.

Caltrans holds monthly meetings with local merchants to discuss the construction throughout this area. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month with the next meeting on February 21 at 9 a.m. at Orange Show Fairgrounds Gate 9.

For planned closures within Phase 2 please go to www.Caltrans8.info.

Project Questions?

For questions or to request a presentation about the widening of Interstate 215, call the toll-free helpline, **1-877-215-NEWS**.



Historic 5th Street Bridge Demolished Piece by Piece

The month of January marked a very significant milestone for the 5th Street bridge reconstruction project. Work on the new north side of the bridge was completed allowing traffic to be diverted from the old 5th Street bridge.

Construction crews will continue demolishing the bridge piece by piece during the next few weeks to make room for the south side of the new bridge.



A decorative sidewalk is one of many aesthetic additions to the newly opened 5th Street bridge.

On February 1, dignitaries will tour the newly completed bridge and get an overview of work for the coming year.

Street improvements at 5th, H, and J Streets will continue in February and the coming months, with freeway and street closures issued as necessary.

Safety on Roads is Number One Concern During Construction

With the recent rainy weather conditions causing slippery roads, now is as good a time as ever to remember to drive safely through construction zones as well as on all streets and highways. Please keep the following safety tips in mind while driving:

- Travel with caution and slow down when in construction zones. Be alert for construction workers, children, cyclists, pedestrians and heavy equipment.
- Allow plenty of time for possible driving delays. Plan ahead and learn alternate routes.
- Follow posted signs that explain detours, lane closures and other changes in driving conditions. Remember that traffic fines are doubled in construction areas.
- Use extra caution in the evenings or during rainy weather.
- Be patient. Remember that construction is a short-term inconvenience for a long-term benefit that will ease traffic congestion.
- Immediately report to the police any suspicious activity or children playing in construction zones. Do not jog, cycle or walk pets in construction sites.

The I-215 widening project is a partnership among San Bernardino Associated Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino.